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Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference

Note by the Secretariat

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1993/233, the Commission on the Status of Women will consider the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace at its present session.

The draft provisional rules of procedure are contained in the annex below.

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Annex

DRAFT PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: ACTION FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

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I. REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Composition of delegations

Rule 1

The Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace is open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and observers in accordance with the practice of the United Nations.

Rule 2

Each State participating in the Conference shall be represented by a head of delegation and no more than four other accredited representatives and such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Alternates and advisers

Rule 3

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Credentials

Rule 4

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the opening of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Credentials Committee

Rule 5

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-ninth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

Provisional participation

Rule 6

Pending a decision of the Conference regarding an objection against the participation of a delegation, the latter shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference.

II. OFFICERS

Elections

Rule 7

The Conference shall elect the following officers: a President, 24 Vice-Presidents, a Rapporteur-General, and the Chairmen of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 47, bearing in mind the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

Acting President

Rule 8

1. If the President finds it necessary to be absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he/she shall designate a Vice-President to take his/her place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Voting rights of the President

Rule 9

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but shall appoint another member of his/her delegation to vote in his/her place.

III. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Composition

Rule 10

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General of the Conference and the Chairmen of the Main Committees shall constitute the General Committee. The President of the Conference, or in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee.

Substitute members

Rule 11

If the President or a Vice-President of the Conference is to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee, he/she may designate a member of his/her delegation to sit and vote in the Committee. In the case of absence, the Chairman of a Main Committee shall designate a Vice-Chairman of that Committee as his/her substitute. When serving on the General Committee, a Vice-Chairman of a Main Committee shall not have the right to vote if he/she is of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

Functions

Rule 12

The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and, subject to the decisions of the Conference, shall ensure the coordination of its work.

IV. SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE

Duties of the Secretary-General

Rule 13

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or in his absence, the Secretary-General of the Conference shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Conference and its subsidiary organs. The Secretary-General of the United Nations or the Secretary-General of the Conference may designate a member of the secretariat to act in his/her place at those meetings.

2. The Secretary-General of the Conference shall direct the staff required by the Conference.

Duties of the secretariat

Rule 14

The secretariat of the Conference shall, in accordance with these rules:

(a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;

(b) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;

(c) Receive, translate and circulate the documents of the Conference;

(d) Report the proceedings of the Conference in appropriate journals;

(e) Publish and circulate the report and any official records of the Conference;

(f) Arrange for the custody of the documents and records of the Conference in the archives of the United Nations;

(g) Generally perform all other work that the Conference may require in connection with its proceedings.

Statements by the secretariat

Rule 15

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Conference or any member of the secretariat designated by either for that purpose may, subject to rule 22, make statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Temporary President

Rule 16

At the opening of the first meeting of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or in his absence, the Secretary-General of the Conference shall preside until the Conference has elected its President.

Decisions concerning organization

Rule 17

The Conference shall, to the extent possible, at its first meeting:

(a) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(b) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary organs;

(c) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Conference;

(d) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Report

Rule 18

The Conference shall adopt a report, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.

VII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum

Rule 19

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the representatives of States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of such States shall be required for any action to be taken.

General powers of the President

Rule 20

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Conference; he/she shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He/she shall rule on points of order. The President, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Conference the closing of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each participant in the Conference may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his/her functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

Points of order

Rule 21

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the

representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Speeches

Rule 22

1. No one may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 21, 23 and 25 to 28, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Conference and the President may call a speaker to order if his/her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The Conference may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of times participants may speak on a question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, with the consent of the Conference, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him/her to order without delay.

Precedence

Rule 23

The Chairman or Rapporteur of a Main Committee or a representative designated by any other subsidiary organ may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body concerned.

Closing of the list of speakers

Rule 24

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Conference, declare the list closed. When there are no more speakers, the President shall, with the consent of the Conference, declare the debate closed. Such closure shall have the same effect as closure pursuant to rule 27.

Right of reply

Rule 25

Notwithstanding rule 24, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Conference who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply. Representatives should attempt, in making such statements, to be as brief as possible and preferably to deliver their statements at the end of the meeting at which the request is made. The representatives of a State may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 26

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 29, be immediately put to the vote.

Closure of debate

Rule 27

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his/her wish to speak. In addition to the proposer of the motion, permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 29, be immediately put to the vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Rule 28

Subject to rule 40, a representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 29, be immediately put to the vote.

Order of motions

Rule 29

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(a) To suspend the meeting;

(b) To adjourn the meeting;

(c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submissions of proposals and substantive amendments

Rule 30

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Conference, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to the vote no earlier than 24 hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Conference to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or of motions as to procedure, even though such amendments and motions have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions

Rule 31

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decisions on competence

Rule 32

Any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Conference to discuss any matter or adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before the matter is discussed or a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Reconsideration of proposals

Rule 33

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Conference, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded to only two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

VIII. DECISION-MAKING

General agreement

Rule 34

The Conference shall make its best endeavours to ensure that its work and the adoption of its report are accomplished by general agreement.

Voting rights

Rule 35

Each State participating in the Conference shall have one vote.

Majority required

Rule 36

1. Subject to rule 34, decisions of the Conference on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Unless the Conference decides otherwise and except as otherwise provided, decisions of the Conference on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a simple majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises as to whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, it shall be decided by the Conference by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

Rule 37

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Method of voting

Rule 38

1. Except as provided in rule 45, the Conference shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then

be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Conference, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Conference votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Conference.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the Conference.

Explanation of vote

Rule 39

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Conduct during voting

Rule 40

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Division of proposals

Rule 41

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be voted on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments

Rule 42

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments

Rule 43

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Conference shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Order of voting on proposals

Rule 44

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Conference decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Conference may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case the original proposal shall be considered as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Elections

Rule 45

All elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 46

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, in a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.

IX. SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Main Committees

Rule 47

The Conference shall establish one or more Main Committees, which may set up subcommittees or working groups. Each Main Committee, unless it decides otherwise, shall elect three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Representation on the Main Committees

Rule 48

Each State participating may be represented by one representative on each Main Committee established by the Conference. It may assign to these Committees such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Other committees and working groups

Rule 49

1. In addition to the Committees referred to above, the Conference may establish such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

2. Each committee may set up subcommittees and working groups.

Quorum

Rule 50

1. The Chairman of a Main Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of

a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

2. A majority of the representatives of the General or Credentials Committee or of any committee, subcommittee or working group shall constitute a quorum.

Officers, conduct of business and voting

Rule 51

These rules of procedure shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of Main Committees, subcommittees and working groups, except that:

(a) Unless otherwise decided, each committee, subcommittee and working group shall elect its own officers;

(b) The Chairmen of the General and Credentials Committees, and the chairmen of the committees, subcommittees and working groups established in accordance with rule 49, may exercise the right to vote;

(c) Decisions of the Main Committees, other committees, subcommittees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal or an amendment shall require the majority established by rule 33.

X. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

Languages of the Conference

Rule 52

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Conference.

Interpretation

Rule 53

1. Speeches made in a language of the Conference shall be interpreted into the other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Conference if he/she provides for interpretation into one such language.

Languages of documents, resolutions and other formal decisions

Rule 54

All official documents, resolutions and other formal decisions of the Conference shall be published in the languages of the Conference.

Languages of reports

Rule 55

Any reports submitted by the General Committee, the Credentials Committee or a Main Committee established in accordance with rule 47, as well as the report of the Conference referred to in rule 18, shall be published in the languages of the Conference.

Records of meetings

Rule 56

1. There shall be neither verbatim nor summary records of meetings.

2. Sound recordings of meetings of the Conference and of Main Committees shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference or a Main Committee, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group thereof.

XI. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

General principles

Rule 57

1. The plenary meetings of the Conference and the meetings of a Main Committee shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise.

2. As a general rule, meetings of other organs of the Conference shall be held in private.

Communiqués on private meetings

Rule 58

At the close of a private meeting, the body concerned may issue a communiqué to the press through the Secretary-General of the Conference.

XII. OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly

Rule 59

Representatives designated by organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Representatives of national liberation movements

Rule 60

Representatives of national liberation movements invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on any matter of particular concern to those movements.

Representatives of the specialized agencies*

Rule 61

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations

Rule 62

Representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

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* For the purpose of these rules, the term "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs

Rule 63

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Rule 64

The Chairman or other designated members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of the activities of CEDAW.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations

Rule 65

Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations accredited to the Conference may be given an opportunity to address the Conference briefly in plenary meetings and in meetings of subsidiary bodies. If the number of requests is too large, the non-governmental organizations shall be requested to form themselves into constituencies, each constituency to speak through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the presiding officer and with the consent of the appropriate body of the Conference.

Written statements

Rule 66

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 59 to 64 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the language in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which it has a special competence. Written statements shall not be issued at United Nations expense and shall not be issued as official documents.

XIII. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Method of amendment

Rule 67

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Conference taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the General Committee has reported on the proposed amendment.

Method of suspension

Rule 68

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Conference provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

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List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in the annex to its resolution 48/108 of 20 December 1993, established the criteria for accreditation of non-governmental organizations to participate in and contribute to the Fourth World Conference on Women and its preparatory body, taking into account resolution 37/7 of the Commission on the Status of Women.

2. Non-governmental organizations that already have Category I, II or Roster status with the Economic and Social Council and that express the wish to attend the Conference and the meetings of its preparatory body will be accredited for participation. Other non-governmental organizations may apply for accreditation, subject to approval by the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference.

3. The present document provides the necessary information to the preparatory body on those non-governmental organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or on the Roster and have requested accreditation.

4. In the annex to its resolution 48/108, the General Assembly decided that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women would be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation.

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5. The application of each of the organizations that has requested accreditation has been evaluated by the secretariat of the Conference in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/108. Those organizations which have been found to comply with the criteria set forth in that resolution are listed in the annex to the present document and are recommended for accreditation to the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body.

ANNEX

LIST OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND ITS PREPARATORY BODY

ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Address : 1255 23rd St. NW Suite 400, Washington, DC 20037
Tel: 202 862 1287 Fax: 202 862 1911
Contact : Lorraine Lathen-Parker
Established : 1961
Operation : International
Relevance : To operate programs for government and international agencies, educational institutions, foundations and corporations with emphasis on providing educational services. International activities are focused in five service areas: Health, family planning, nutrition, environment and natural resources, and development information and policy formulation.

ACTION COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN'S RIGHT IN MALI
Address : Rue 840 740 Badala, SEMA, Bamako, MALI
Tel: 223 2256 38 Fax: 223 2256 38
Contact : HADJA AISSO Diallo Sounare
Established : 1990
Membership : National
Relevance : To implement UN conventions related to women and children's rights in Mali; promote and defend women and children's rights and democracy.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, THE
Address : 833 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 949-5666 Fab: (212) 682-6174
Contact : Vivian Lowery Derryck, (mail to_Jade J. Martin)
Established : 1953
Operation : Regional
Relevance : To foster development in Africa, primarily through strengthening human resources, and to promote mutual understanding between American and African women and men.

AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION NETWORK (FEMNET)
Address : P.O.Box 54562, Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: 254-2-440299 Fax: 254-2-443868
Contact : Joyce Mangvwat
Established : 1988
Membership : Regional Network
Relevance : To strengthen the role and contribution of African NGOs concerned with women's development; help monitor activities aimed at raising the status in African women; develop skills for gender responsive planning and programming, and lobby for representation of women at political policy and other decision-making levels and for inclusion of gender issues in national, regional and international development agenda.

AKINA MANA WA AFRIKA
Address : 4 Wild Court, London WC2B 4AU, England
Tel: 71 405 0678 Fax: 71 831 3947
Contact : Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi
Established : 1985
Membership : International
Relevance : To address issues that affect women of Africa, provide a platform for African women to participate in policy and decision making at local, national and international level, and mobilise, empower and sensitise African women.

ALAN GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE
Address : 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005,USA
Tel: (212) 248 1111 Fax: (212) 248 1951
Contact : Jeannie Rosoff
Established : 1968
Operation : International
Relevance : To conduct research and publicize information to enable all women and men to exercise their rights and responsibilities concerning family planning.

ALL-CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION
Address : 50 Deng Shikou, Beijing, China 100730
Tel: 86-1-513 4126 Fax: 86-1-513 6044
Contact : Huang Qizao
Established : 1949
Membership : National
Relevance : To promote women's participation in social negotiation and dialogue; safeguard women's interests and rights, and promote equality between men and women. Acting as NGO focal point for the Conference and the Forum ' 95.

ALLIANCE OF ARAB WOMEN
Address : 28, Adly Street, Cairo, Egypt
Tel: 3939899 Fax: (202) 3936820
Contact : Hoda Badran
Established : 1987
Membership : Regional
Relevance : To empower women through legal literacy and legal counselling and advocate the implementation of CEDAW and lifting of reservations.

ARIAS FOUNDATION FOR PEACE AND HUMAN PROGRESS
Address : Calle 36, Avenidas 1 y 3, San Jose, Costa Rica
Tel: (506) 552955 Fax: (506) 552244
Contact : Maria Euqenia Penon de Cotter
Established : 1988
Operation : Regional
Relevance : To build just and peaceful societies in the region through programs dealing with women's rights, philanthropy and peace.

ASIAN WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (AWHRC)
Address : P.O.Box 190, 1099 Manila, Philippines
Tel: (652) 999 437 Fax: (632) 999 437
Contact : Nelia Sancho
Established : 1990
Membership : Regional
Relevance : To develop a critical South and feminist perspective on human rights; foster unity, solidarity and concerted action among women in Asia and from the South.

ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON WOMEN, LAW AND DEVELOPMENT (APWLD)
Address : P.O.Box 12224, 50770 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel: (603) 2550648/9 Fax: (603) 2541371
Contact : Nimalka Fernando
Established : 1987
Membership : Regional network
Relevance : To empower women in the Asia Pacific region in the use of law as an instrument of social change for equality and development and to promote the basic concept of human rights in the region as enshrined in UNDHR and CEDAW.

ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS (APC)
Address : Rue Vicente de Souza 29, 22261-070 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Tel: (415) 442 0220 Fax: (415) 546 1794
Contact : Edie Farwell
Established : 1990
Operation : International
Relevance : It is dedicated to providing low-cost computer communications services for individuals and organizations working for environmental sustainability, universal human rights and social and economic justice and is developing a world-wide program to support electronic networking and information exchange among women's NGOs for the Conference on Women.

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT
Address : 1060 Litton Reeves Hall, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA 24061-6338
Tel: (703) 231 3765 Fax: (703) 231 6741
Contact : Kathleen Cloud
Established : 1982
Membership : International
Relevance : To strengthen research and action by increasing interaction among scholars, practitioners, and policymakers; improve the practice of institutions in integrating women as both agents and beneficiaries of development and provide improved communications and education of women in development.

ASSOCIATION RWANDAISE DES FEMMES POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT
Address : P.O.Box 1364, Kigali Rwanda , AFRICA
Tel: 250 77283 Fax: 250 76574
Contact : Nikwigize Veneranda
Established : 1991
Membership : National
Relevance: To unite women together for cooperation and peace, create a healthy planet, and care for children and women for sustainable development.

ASSOCIATION TUNNISIENNE DES FEMMES DEMOCRATES (ATFD)
Address : 6 rue du Liban, 1000, TUNIS
Tel: 216 1 794131 Fax: 216 1 794131
Contact : Hedla Jrad
Established : 1989
Membership : National
Relevance : To eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, particularly violence against women.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR OVERSEAS AID
Address : 14 Napier Close, Deakin Act 2601, Private Bag 3, Australia
Tel: 6 285 1816 Fax: 6 285 1720
Contact : Suzettee Mitchell
Established : 1965
Membership : National
Relevance : To work for social and economic justice; respond to human needs and help produce conditions through which people can realize their full potential as human beings.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR WOMEN
Address : c/o Office of Status of Women, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, 2-5 National Circuit, BARTON ACT, 2600 Australia
Tel: (61) 062 71 5756 Fax: (61) 062 71 5751
Contact : Sandra Yates
Established : 1993
Membership : National network
Relevance : It functions as the key advisory and consultative body for the Fourth World Conference on Women and serves as a focal point for planning and coordination of activities relating to the Conference with role and responsibilities of providing information to the community on the Conference, preparing for the Conference and the regional conference and assisting NGOs to provide advises to Government on how best to prepare for the Conference.

BEHBUD ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN
Address : 43-A-1, 3rd Sunset St, Defence Society Phase II Karachi, Pakistan 75500
Tel: 5662038 Fax: (9221) 5680140
Contact : Sultana Akhtar Rashid Ibrahim
Established : 1967
Operation : Local
Relevance : To help the underprivileged with special emphasis on women's development in the fields of health, education and self-reliance.

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN
Address : 1828 L Street, NW, #250, Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 857 1300 Fax: (202) 857 1380
Contact : Aileen Cooper
Established : 1940
Membership : Regional
Relevance : To unite Jewish women in activities to strengthen their common bond and enrich their families and communities and foster the well-being of children and perpetuate Jewish life and values.

CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH AND ACTION (CAFRA)
Address : 8 Bates Private Road, St. Augustine; P.O.Bag 442, Tunapuna Post Office, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies
Tel: (809) 663 8670 Fax: (809) 663 6482
Contact : Gemma Tang Nain
Established : 1985
Membership : International
Relevance : To promote and support the continued growth and development of the feminist movement in the entire Caribbean region, influence policy at national, regional and international levels in government and non-governmental organizations and institutions and generate a new and critical examination of the nature of 'politics' and 'power' and of women's relationship to it as a basis for policy on women, politics and power in the region.

CEMINA-CENTRO DE PROJETOS DA MULHER-WOMEN'S PROJECTS CENTER
Address : Rua Barao do Flamengo, 22/304-flamengo, CEP.22.220-080 Rio De Janeiro- Brasil
Tel: 55-21-2857510 Fax: 55-21-5563383
Contact : Madalena Guilhon
Established : 1989
Membership : National media network
Relevance : To improve women's status in all areas through media.

CENTER FOR ASIA/PACIFIC WOMEN IN POLITICS
Address : 49 Yellowstone Road, South Green Park, Pararaque, Rizal, Philippine
Tel: (632) 827 2221 Fax: (632) 832 2263
Contact : Supatra Masdit
Established : 1992
Membership : Regional Network
Relevance : To increase numbers of women in political leadership; increase women's access to decision-making and in influencing policies.

CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE LAW AND POLICY, THE
Address : 120 Wall Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10005
Tel: (212) 514 5534 Fax: (212) 514 5538
Contact : Rachael N.Pine, Esq., Anika Rahman, Esq.
Established : 1992
Operation : International
Relevance : To promote women's reproductive health care options and reproductive self-determination in the world. Engaged in a wide array of advocacy, consulting, and research projects relating to reproductive health and legal and public policies affecting reproductive rights.

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
Address : Douglass College, Rutgers University, 27 Clifton Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903
Tel: (908) 932-8782; Fax: (908) 932-1180
Contact : Charlotte Bunch
Established : 1989
Operation : International
Relevance : To seek to deepen an understanding of the ways in which gender affects the exercise of power and the conduct of public policy internationally through developing linkages among women in local leadership, promoting the visibility of women in policy-making globally and increasing women's participation in national and international governing bodies and processes and conduct different workshops and activities related to the Conference.

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S RESEARCH (CENWOR)
Address : 12 1/1, Ascot Avenue, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka
Tel: 502153 Fax: 94 1 580721
Contact : Swarna Jayaweera
Established : 1984
Operation : National
Relevance : To undertake and promote research and studies relating to women, evaluate development policies and projects relating to women and explore alternative approaches to development with special reference to women.

CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS SOCIALES Y PUBLICACIONES (CESIP)
Address : Jr. Coronel Zegarra 722, Lima 11, Peru
Tel: (5114) 713410 Fax: (5114) 702489
Contact : Ana Vasquez G.
Established : 1976
Operation : Local
Relevance : To improve women and children's status and living standards, advocate children's rights and promote women's health care and environmental improvement programs in the poor urban population.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
Address : 777 UN Plaza, Room 10E, New York, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 661 3856 Fax: (212) 808 5480
Contact : Wilhelmina Arceo
Established : 1942
Membership : National
Relevance : To bring together Christian women of faith to work for and achieve a more just, caring and peaceful society.

CLADEM -THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Address : Jr. Caracas 2624, Jesus Maria-Apartado Postal 11-0470, Lima 11, Peru
Tel: (51-14) 631226 Fax: (51-14) 424585
Contact : Roxana Vasquez
Established : 1987
Membership : Regional
Relevance : To defend women's rights from a juridical and social perspective in the region, fight for the participation of women in the decision process and develop an alternate concept of the law which responding to the needs of women, will contribute towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination.

COALITION OF AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS OF WOMEN (CAPOW)

Address : Room 1, Old Hackett Primary School, 114 Maitland Street Hackett, ACT, Australian 2602
Tel: 61 06 247 1265 Fax: 61 06 247 1354
Contact : Ingrid FitzGerald
Established : 1992
Membership : National Network
Relevance : To increase the cohesiveness and power of the women's movement in Australia by speaking with unified and strong voice to government and community groups; lift the profile of and make more public, the debate concerning women's issues and explore ways in which the women of Australia can mobilise in support of their own needs.

COORDINATION IN DEVELOPMENT, INC. (CODEL)

Address : 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1842, New York, NY 10115
Tel: (212) 870 3000 Fax: (212) 870 3545
Contact : Sister Mary Ann Smith
Established : 1969
Membership : International Network
Relevance : It supports community-based development in an environmentally sustainable way. Special emphasis is given to programmes that improve the quality of life of women. Workshops and training is provided to strengthen local institutions and build environmental awareness and skills.

COUNCIL ON PEACE RESEARCH IN HISTORY
Address : 50 Claremont Ave. 4C, New York, NY 10027
Contact : Amy Swerdlow
Established : 1964
Membership : International
Relevance : To conduct research and teaching and issue publications concerning the causes of peace, the history of peace movements, and the resolution of conflict, with a strong interest in the relationship between war, gender, class, race and ethnicity.

DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES WITH WOMEN FOR A NEW ERA (DAWN)
Address : c/o WAND, School of Continuing Studies, Pinelands, St. Michael, Barbados, W.I.
Tel: (809) 426 9288 Fax: (809) 426 3006
Contact : Peggy Antrobus
Established : 1984
Membership : International Network
Relevance : To understand the economic, social, cultural and political processes which cause and perpetuate inequalities of gender, class and race and to work towards building alternative visions and strategies through research, analysis, advocacy, international relations and communications.

DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE
Address : 19, Sarat Chatterjee Avenue, Calcutta 700 029, West Bengal, India
Contact : Abhijit Dasgupta
Established : 1986
Operation : National
Relevance : It is a professional organization involved in research, action and study in the area of WID. Training of government officials in the field of gender sensitivity to appreciate the gender dimension in the national development programmes and policies, preparation of training modules for that, reviewing if projects supported by UN bodies from the context of WID are some of the national level partnership programme of the organization.

EQUALITY NOW
Address : 226 W. 58th St. #4, New York, NY 10019
Tel: (212) 586-0906 Fax: (212) 586-0906
Contact : Jessica Neuwirth
Established : 1992
Membership : International network
Relevance : The Women's Action is the program through which EQUALITY NOW conducts its activities. Information about specific abuses and ongoing violations is gathered from an international network of activities and organizations. Appropriate actions and strategies are established in collaboration with local groups and are publicized and implemented through the network.

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY (EWL)
Address : Rue Du Meridien 22, 1030 Brussels , Belgium
Tel: 32 2 217 9020 Fax: 32 2 219 8451
Contact : Barbara Helfferich
Established : 1990
Membership : International
Relevance : It was established to promote equal opportunities and treatment for women in the European Community Member States. In pursuit of its fundamental aim of promoting the achievement of equal rights and chances between women and men, the Lobby will draw on European Community legislation and Action Programmes, on the "Forward Looking-Strategies and "the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women", as well as all other international instruments establishing equality between women and men.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
Address : Bajaj Bhavan , 1st floor, Nariman Point,
Bombay 400 021 India
Tel: 2029080 Fax: 2029038
Contact : Air Vice Marshal
Established : 1949
Membership : National Network
Relevance : To disseminate knowledge and education about, and to promote the adoption of, the practice of family planning for the advancement of basic human rights; to enhance women's development and to address the problems and needs of women in rural areas .

FAMILY PLANNING AUSTRALIA INC.
Address : 39 Geils Court, PO Box 9026, Deakin Act 2600, Australia
Tel: 06 285 1244 Fax: 06 282 5298
Contact : Dianne Proctor
Established : 1975
Membership : National Network
Relevance : To enable people to achieve reproductive and sexual health and well being in the context of a sustainable environment.

FAMILY THERAPY PRACTICE CENTER
Address : 2153 Newport Place, Northwest, Washington, DC 20037
Tel: (202) 861 0542 Fax: (202) 872 0262
Contact : Marianne Walters
Established : 1980
Operation : International
Relevance : Gender sensitivity training with line workers, supervisors and administrators in mental health and social service delivery systems; research and pilot and demonstration projects on gender issues in single parent families; foster care systems, teenage pregnancy, homelessness and domestice violence etc..

FASE-FEDERACAO DE ORGAOS PARA ASSITENCIA SOCIAL E EDUCACIONAL
Address : Rua Bento Lisboa 58, 2221-Rio de Janeiro-RJ, Brazil
Tel: (021) 285 2998 Fax: (021) 205 3099
Contact : Wania Sant' Anna
Established : 1961
Membership : National
Relevance : To develop actions and services that lead to immediate improvement in the living conditions of the populations benefitiaries and take concrete and immediate actions aimed at improving living and working conditions of the socially disvantaged.

FEMINIST MAJORITY FOUNDATION, THE
Address : 1600 Wilson Blvd., Suite 801, Arlington, VA 22209
Tel: (703) 522 2214 Fax: (703) 522 2219
Contact : Christine Onyango
Established : 1987
Membership : National network
Relevance : To empower women through research, education and action to achieve equality and to promote economic development that improves the status of women.

FEMINIST PRESS
Address : 311 East 94 Street, New York, NY 10128, USA
Tel: (212) 360 5790 Fax: (212) 348 1241
Contact : Florence Howe
Established : 1970
Membership : International network
Relevance : To engage in the restoration of the lost history and culture of women through publishing books and holding educational programs on women's studies for educators in formal and informal education and at every level.

FORD FOUNDATION, THE
Address : 320 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 573 5000 Fax: (212) 599 4584
Contact : Marcia Smith
Established : 1936
Operation : International
Relevance : Seeking to identify and contribute to the solution of problems of national or international importance and working mainly by granting funds to institutions and organizations for experimental, demonstration and development efforts.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF JORDANIAN WOMEN
Address : P.O. Box 922126, Amman-JORDAN
Tel: 666897 Fax: (962-6) 694810
Contact : Haifa Abu Ghazaleh
Established : 1981
Membership : National
Relevance : To mobilize women's efforts to plav an effective and comprehensive role in the social and economic development; raise the educational level of women; improve the status of rural and bedouin women; monitor the implementation of laws concerning women and conduct research and studies.

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH
Address : 777 UN plaza, 7th floor, New York , NY 10017
Tel: (212) 692 6222 Fax: (212) 692 9748
Contact : Elaine Wolfson
Established : 1993
Membership : International
Relevance : To articulate, educate and promote international and country policies that advance health services and research for women 'from womb to tomb'.

GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN, THE
Address : 2408 Sand Hill Road, Suite 100 Menlo Park, California 94025
Contact : Anne Firth Murray
Established : 1987
Membership : International network
Relevance : To assist women's groups around the world and provide funds to seed, strengthen and link such groups and encourage the development of women's networks.

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING TOGETHER IN SISTERHOOD (GROOTS)
ADDRESS : One Sherman Square 27-L, New York, NY 10023
Tel: (212) 799-6216 Fax: (212) 799-5161
Contact : Caroline Pezzullo
Established : 1989
Membership : International Network
Relevance : To strengthen grassroots women's participation in the development of communities and identify and share the successful development approaches and methods of urban and rural grassroots women's groups globally.A short-term strategy is to involve grassroots women in local and regional GROOTS forums, for input into regional prepcoms and the world conference and NGO FORUM'95.

HONG KONG FEDERATION OF WOMEN
Address : 10B Jonsim Place, 228 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 833 1631 Fax: (852) 833 6909
Contact : Rita Fan
Established : 1993
Membership : Local
Relevance : To promote lawful rights of women; ensure equality of women and men; encourage participation by women in social affairs, and improve the economic, political, legal and social status of women.

HONG KONG WOMEN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
Address : No. 2 Jordan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Tel: 7210477 Fax: 7211438
Contact : Shum Yun Shan
Established : 1988
Membership : Local
Relevance : To develop feminist theology; promote women's awareness; respond to the concerns of marginalized women and fight for women's rights.

IDENTITY, MERGE AND ACTION (AIM)
Address : AIM Centre Main Road, Barkatpur, P.O.Box 1060, Faisalabad-38090 Pakistan
Tel: (92411) 41385
Contact : Anthony Matthew Gill
Established : 1991
Operation : Local
Relevance : To help the people improve their unsatisfactory situations and train themselves for their own development.

INITIATIVES: WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT
Address : E 2 B Block, 4th Floor, Parson Paradise Apartment 109, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, Madras-600 017, India
Tel: (044) 826 0689 Fax: (91-44 825 4376
Contact : Ranjani Murthy
Established : 1992
Operation : Local
Relevance : To foster a gender perspective within non-governmental and governmental organizations involved in development in Asia and in India in particular and to influence development in favour of women.

INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Address : Ladeira da Gloria, 98,22211-120-Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL
Tel: (55 21) 265 5747 Fax: (55 21) 205 4796
Contact : Ernesto Barros Cardoso
Established : 1970
Operation : National
Relevance : To give technical assistance to community-based groups and social movements and to get directly involved with the urban poor, with prostitutes, street children, women and people in prison.

INTERACTION : AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY INTERNATIONAL ACTION
Address : 1717 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036 USA
Tel: (202) 667-8227; Fax: (202) 667-8236
Contact : Suzanne Kindervatter
Established : 1984
Membership : National

Relevance : It has an active sub-committee on "Women in Development". In addition, in 1992, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors established the "Commission on the Advancement of Women" to give greater prominence to promotion of gender equity in members agencies and in their programs. A major focus of the Commission is organizing the participation of InterAction members and Southern partners for the 1995 Women's Conference and Forum.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES (IAWJ) &
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN JUDGES FOUNDATION(IWJF)
Address : c/o American University Justice Programs Office
Brandywine Building-Suite 6C, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. N.W. Washington D.C. 20016
Tel:(202) 885 2873 Fax:(202) 885 2885/703 235 2245
Contact : The Hon. Arline Pacht
Established : 1991
Membership : International
Relevance : To promote equal justice in all judicial systems so that women may participate equally in the development of the law and ensure that rights of women in society are protected and promoted.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN
Address : Suite 302, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20036 ,
Tel: (202) 797 0007 Fax: (202) 797 0020
Contact : Mayra Buvinic
Established : 1976
Operation : International
Relevance : It was founded to address issues of integrating women into the development process, to secure recognition for women's contributions, and address the economic and social conditions of women in the developing world as well as seek to influence policy to achieve development with women's full participation.

INTERNATIONAL PEN WOMEN WRITERS' COMMITTEE
(part of INTERNATIONAL PEN)
Address : 532 West 111th St., New York, N.Y. 10025
Tel: (212) 866 4283 Fax: (212) 932 0678
Contact : Meredith Tax
Established : 1991
Membership : International
Relevance : To amplify the voice of women writers by encouraging translation, initiating cultural development projects, and publishing newsletters and pamphlets and act together internationally to resist censorship and defend our human rights.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Address : 193 Smith ST., Fitzroy, 3065, Victoria, Australia
Tel: (613)419 3004 Fax: (613) 416 0519
Contact : Janet Hunt
Established : 1985
Membership : International
Relevance : To undertake development projects in partnership with women from around the world, giving priority to working women who suffer poverty and oppression.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH COALITION
Address : 24 E. 21st Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10010
Tel: 212 979 8500 Fax: 212 979 9009
Contact : Joan B. Dunlop
Established : 1984
Membership : International network
Relevance : To work in alliance with women's health advocates, women's organizations, health professionals and government officials in Southern countries and Northern institutions with goals to bring women's perspectives to the formulation and implementation of population policies at the national and international level.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR LIAISON GROUP (IWYIC)
Address : Fusen Kaikan 2-21-11 Yoyogi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151 , JAPAN
Tel: 3 3370 0238 Fax: 3 5388 4633
Contact : Mitchiko Nakamura, Mitsuko Yamaguchi
Established : 1975
Membership : National network
Relevance : It was founded with the objectives to cooperate with the United Nations and its programmes(e.g. Mexico Plan of Action, Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, ect.), and work for the implementation of those programmes.

ISIS INTERNATIONAL
Address : Esmeralda 636, 2P; Santiago, Chile
Tel: (56-2) 6334582 Fax: (56-2) 6383142
Contact : Ximena Charnes, Soledad Weinstein,
Established : 1974, 1984
Membership : International Network

Relevance : To promote women's empowerment and full participation in development and communication channels among women around the world, build links of support and solidarity, strengthening women's network and provide channels for women to make their voices heard at the planning and policy-making levels.

ISRAEL WOMEN'S NETWORK
Address : 1B Avizohar St., Jerusalem, Israel; POB 3171
Tel: 972-2-439966 Fax: 972-1-435976
Contact : Alice Shalvi
Established : 1984
Membership : International
Relevance : To advance the status of women in order to achieve equality of opportunity; bring women into the mainstream of public life and into the workforce and make women equal partners in a just society.

JAGORI (A Women's Communication Documentation and Training Center)
Address : C-54, South Extension Part-II,
New Delhi-110 049, India
Tel: 91-11-6427015
Contact : Abha Bhaiya
Established : 1989
Operation : National
Relevance : To serve as a documentation, communication and training center for women.

JAPAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (JCLU)
Address : 306 Atagoyama Bengoshi Bldg., 1-6-7 Atago,
Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105, Japan
Tel: (81) 3 3437 6989 Fax: (81) 3 3578 6687
Contact : Amy Euruya
Established : 1947
Membership : National
Relevance : It protects and promotes human rights and fundamental freedom of all persons regardless of beliefs, religion of political opinion and has taken up the rights of women as a theme for various activities over the years.

JAPAN FEDERATION OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS (JFBA)
Address : 1-1, Kasumigaseki 1-Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan
Tel: 81-3-3580-9864 Fax: 81-3-3580-9840
Contact : Saburo ABE
Established : 1949
Membership : National

Relevance : It actively promotes the protection of women's rights and the advancement of their status in society.

KOREA INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN AND POLITICS
Address : #1910 , Korea Business Center, 1338-21, Seocho-dong, Seocho-ku, Seoul, 137-070 Korea
Tel: 822-552 0738 Fax: 882-554 6193
Contact : Jung-Sook Kim, Junhui Joo
Established : 1989
Membership : National
Relevance : To realize equality and development through (1) promoting the political interests and concerns of Korean women; (2) cultivating a democratic and political culture specially for women, (3) conducting research to expand women's political participation, and (4) providing education and training programs for women political leaders to succeed in political field.

LAO WOMEN'S UNION
Address : Lao Women's Union, UNDP P.O.Box 345, Vientiane , Lao PDR
Fax: (856-21) 9071
Contact : Pholsena Khemphet
Established : 1955
Membership : National
Relevance : To implement the governmental policy to promote the position of women as well as protect the rights and interests of women and children for the promotion of the role and status of women and for better life .

LEGAL RESEARCH AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Address : 386 Murtala Muhammed Way, Yaba, P.O.Box 75242, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
Tel: 234 1 864733 Fax: 234 1 610450
Contact : Tokunbo Ige
Established : 1990
Operation : National
Relevance : To promote the understanding of fundamental human rights principles through education, research and projects.

MADER.INC.
Address : 121 West 27th Street, Room #301, New York, 10001
Tel: (212) 627 0444 Fax: (212) 675 3704
Contact : Vivian Stromberg
Established : 1983
Membership : National

Relevance : To further the possibilities for peace through a women's human rights agenda and provides material aid and technical support to women's organizations.

MOA FOUNDATION
Address : 327 East 58th St. New York, NY 10022
Tel: (212) 752 1020 Fax: (212) 751 4606
Contact : Maria Arias Zeballos
Established : 1983
Membership : International
Relevance : To concern with the issues of environment, sustainable development and food production and work to arouse the public awareness of these issues and promote world peace.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS FOR A LIVABLE PLANET
Address : 40 W. 29th Street, New York. NY 10011
(212) 727 4463 Fax:(212) 675 6481
Contact : Wendy Gordon
Established : 1992
Membership : National
Relevance : It is a national environmental organization devoted to helping parents act on their concerns about environmental issues.

NA'AMAT USA, THE WOMEN'S LABOUR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA,INC.
Address : 200 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016
Tel: (212) 725 8010 Fax: (212) 447 5187
Contact : Dina Spector
Established : 1925
Membership : International
Relevance : It sponsors education, social services, vocational training, child care, legal counselling and other projects cooperating with Na'amat (Movement of Working Women and Volunteers) in Israel and aims at building a better America, a more secure Israel and fuller life for women and children everywhere, including the struggle to establish equal rights for them both in the United States and Israel.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
Address : 279-281 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, WHITECHAPEL, LONDON, E1 1BY, United Kingdom
Tel: (44) 71 247 7052 Fax: (44) 71 247 4490
Contact : Jean Grant
Established : 1989
Membership : National network

Relevance : It brings together a wide diversity of women's organizations working to end all forms of discrimination against women and seeks to achieve true equality and justice for all women and to support and empower its members.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUERTO RICAN WOMEN, INC.
Address : 5 Thomas Circle, N.W. 6717 Loring Court, Washington, D.C. 20005
Tel: (202) 387 4716 Fax: (202) 469 7561
Contact : Carmen Delgado Votaw
Established : 1972
Membership : National
Relevance : To promote the full participation of Puerto Rican and all Hispanic women in the economic, social and political spheres .

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
Address : 1000 16th St. NW #700, Washington, DC., 20036
Tel: (202) 331 0066 Fax: (202) 785 8576
Contact : Karen Johnson
Established : 1966
Membership : National
Relevance : To promote women's rights in the United States.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CENTER
Address : P.O.Box 455, 1012 LAKESHORE DR.,BEAVER DAM, WI 53916 -0455
Tel: (414) 887-1078
Contact : Gene Boyer
Established : 1980
Membership : National Network
Relevance : It was created to implement the National Plan of Action as part of the International Women's Decade (1975-1985). Its main missions are: to mobilize public support for implementation of the National Plan of Action; serve as a national network for groups collaborating on the current women's agenda and monitor progress of women in all aspects of American society and at all levels of government.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MOVEMENT OF SURINAME
Address : Sommelsdijkstraat 8, Paramaribo, Suriname
Tel: 410784 Fax: 410534
Contact : Siegmien Staphorst
Established : 1982
Membership : National

Relevance : To remove the social, cultural, economic and political disadvantages of women, promote the participation of women in the development of the society and support the struggle waged by the women for liberation and improving their status .

NETHERLANDS ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (NOVIB)
Address : Amaliastraat 1-7, 2514 JC The Hague, The Netherlands
Tel: 31 70 3421621 Fax: 31 70 3614461
Contact : Ingrid van Tienhoven
Established : 1956
Membership : National
Relevance : To give financial support to structural poverty alleviation projects through sustainable development in 50 countries.

NETWORK WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT EUROPE (WIDE)
Address : Square Ambiorix, 10, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium
Tel: 32-2-732 44 10 Fax: 32-2-732 19 34
Contact : Mieke Van der Veken
Established : 1985
Membership : Regional network
Relevance : A European network of women active in Non Governmental Development Oganizations and research institutes, in response to the 1985 UN World Conference on Women in Nairobi, to enhance the objectives of the 'Forward Looking Strategies', with an aim of influencing European and international policies and raising awareness on gender and development issues among important sectors of opinion in Europe.

NEW JAPAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Address : Reimei Building, 1-36 Jimbo-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo, JAPAN 101
Tel: 03-3293 0581 Fax: 03-3293-7087
Contact : Miyo Inoue
Established : 1962
Membership : National
Relevance : To protect the lives of women and children from the danger of nuclear war; prevent the revival of militarism; work together for the improvement of people's lives and protection of women and children's rights and strive for building an everlasting peace in cooperation with all women in the world.

OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK (EUROPE)
Address : c/o Equalities Development Unit, Room 405 Lewisham Town Hall, Catford London, SE6 4RU ,UK
Tel: 44-81-695 6300 Fax: 44-81-314 5659
Contact : Elizabeth Sclater
Established : 1993
Membership : International Network
Relevance : To challenge the negative stereotypes of age, gender, race, and sexuality, and to promote grass roots activities to enable older women to contribute to policy development and change at local, national and international level.

OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (O.I.C.I)
Address : 240 W Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144
Tel: 215 842-0220 Fax: 215 849-7033
Contact : Rosemary Burke
Established : 1970
Membership : International
Relevance : To provide skills training and support services to affiliated programmes in the areas of vocational; technical; agricultural and animal husbandry and small enterprise development to underemployed youth,women and men and help them to become self-reliant and productively involved in the development of their countries.

PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS
Address : 1424 K Street N.W., Washington D.C.20005, USA
Tel. (202) 628-3300; Fax: (202) 628-3306
Contact : Martha Lewis
Established : 1969
Membership : Regional
Relevance : Men and women on both sides of the partnership are mobilized to engage in mutually beneficial cultural and educational exchanges and carry out development projects in areas such as agricultural development, natural resources management, environmental conservation, child and maternal health and nutrition, vocational training for disadvantaged groups, emergency preparedness and disaster management and drug abuse prevention.

PEACE ACTION
Address : 1819 H St. NW #640, Washington DC 20006-3603
Tel: 202 862 9740 Fax: 202 862 9762
Contact : Fran Teplitz
Established : 1957
Membership : International Network

Relevance : To mobilize the public and peace organizations for global disarmament, the reallocation of resources to meet human needs and the resolution of conflict through non-violent and non-military means. To educate the public and involve them in policy debates and promote the role of women in redefining security.

PILIPINE-KILUSAN NG KABABAIHANG PILIPINO (MOVEMENT OF FILIPINO WOMEN)
Address : 142 Scout Rallos Street, Kamuning, Quezon City, Philippines 1103
Contact : Teresita Quintos-Deles
Established : 1980
Membership : National
Relevance : It works for women's full participation in public governance, with stress on public office and movements for social changes.

PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FOUNDATION
Address : 1000 Vermont Avenue, NW-Suite 405, Washington, DC 20005
Tel: (202) 371 8323 Fax: (202) 371 0817
Contact : Irene Natividad
Established : 1986
Membership : International network
Relevance : To improve the lives of rural women as part of its trust toward Philippine rural development.

POPULATION COMMUNICATION
Address : 1489 E. Colorado Blvd. Suite 202, Pasadena, CA 91106, USA
Tel: (818) 793 4750 Fax: (212) 793 4791
Contact : Robert W. Gillespie
Established : 1977
Operation : International
Relevance : To communicate population messages to national leaders, to improve the status of women and protect women's reproductive rights.

PRO WOMEN (PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN)
Address : 320 Central Park West-8G, New York, NY 10025
Tel: (212) 787 0180 Fax: (212) 878 0181
Contact : Ruth Cowan
Established : 1991
Operation : National

Relevance : It is established for the purpose of helping women in developing countries to play a more effective role in their own personal development and that of their children, families and society. It has developed and offered training programme for women to give them the knowledge and skills they need and help them achieve equal participation and recognition in the economic and social development of their country.

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY
Address : 722 N St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: 202 833 3410
Contact : Elaine M. Wolfson
Established : 1970
Membership : International
Relevance : Exploring the contributions which sociology can, does and should make to the investigation of and improvement of the status of women in society
Address : SWADHINA, 34/c Bondel Road Calcutta 700019, India
Tel: 2477944 Fax: 0091 33 282314 (Attn.166)
Contact : Saswati Roy
Established : 1986
Operation : Local
Relevance : To promote the welfare of women, children irrespective of caste, creed, and colour. Its initiatives include promotion of women's education, health and environment education, skill training and awareness building about the status of women.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION
Address : 1616 P. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 328-5187 Fax: (202) 328-5137
Contact : Katharine Sreedhar
Established : 1961
Membership : International
Relevance : Active in efforts to promote women's rights and oppose violence against women; facilitates numerous programmes for empowerment throughout the world; examine and promote facilitation of Nairobi "Forward-looking Strategies".

UNITED STATES COMMITTEE FOR UNIFEM
Address : 60 Gramercy Park North, New York, NY 10010
Tel: (212) 697 3232 Fax: (212) 682 9185
Contact : Hope S. Miller
Established : 1983
Membership : National
Relevance : Tc promote the United Nations and UNIFEM in particular through education, fund-raising and advocacy.

VIVID COMMUNICATION WITH WOMEN IN THEIR CULTURES
Address : Scharnhorststr. 11 36037 Fulda, Germany
Tel: 01149-661-64125 Fax: 01149-661 606851
Established : 1986
Contact : Ulrike Maschke
Membership : International Communication Network
Relevance : To improve the physical and mental/psychological living conditions of women by personal and financial measures while preserving the individual cultural context.

VOICE OF WOMEN
Address : 736 Bathust St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 2R4
Tel: (416) 537 9343 Fax: (416) 531 6214
Contact : Janis Alton
Established : 1960
Membership : National network
Relevance : To provide a means for women to exercise responsibility for the promotion of world peace and justice; to take an equal part in the democratic process of decision-making, and to create the mutual respect and understanding necessary for the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

WOMEN AND LAW IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
Address : Suite 204 Stemar House, P.O.Box UA 171 Union Ave., Harare, Zimbabwe
Tel: 729152 Fax: 729152
Contact : Elizabeth Gwannza
Established : 1990
Membership : Regional information network
Relevance : To improve legal position of women; provide information on the legal status of women and explore and develop new methodologies and new perspectives for the study of women and the law.

WOMEN IN LAW AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (WILDAF)
Address : 2nd Floor, Lembern House,Union Avenue ,P.O.Box 4622, Harare , Zimbabwe
Tel: (203-4) 752105 Fax:(203-4) 731901
Contact : Florence Butegwa
Established : 1990
Membership : Regional network
Relevance : To promote and strengthen regional and local strategies that link law and development to improve women's status in Africa and facilitate networking and program development in NGOs working with women-using the law as a tool for development

WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT (WAND)
Address : 142-A Scout Rallos St., Kamuning, Quezon City 1103, Philippines
Tel: 632-961 431 Fax: 632 996 030
Contact : Lilian Pimentel
Established : 1989
Membership : National Network
Relevance : To increase the national visibility of women and greater expertise in the political sphere and strengthen capabilities of women NGOs through innovative programs in livelihood, legal assistance and child care.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY
Address : 5,rue de Lille, 75007 PARIS, FRANCE
Tel: (1) 45 48 83 80 Fax: (1) 42 22 62 73
Contact : Antoinette Fouque
Established : 1989
Membership : International
Relevance : The current activities are in the fields of: Democratization with actions in favour of women's access to positions of decision-making in all fields and political responsibilities and with actions against violence and murders against women; working to ensure that legislators take women's vital demands into accounts; gaining recognition for women's specific forms of productivity in all countries where it has members.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MACAU, THE
Address : The Women's Association Building, Rua Do Campo No. 20 A-B-Y Rua DE Barca No. 27A-B
Telephone : 216673 Fax: 572794
Contact : NG Sao Keng
Established : 1950
Membership : Local
Relevance : To promote the spirit of solidarity and patriotism, care for and serve the society as well as go in for the welfare projects of women and children and to safeguard the legitimate right of women.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION OF TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION OF CHINA
Address : Jianshe Lu, Lhasa City, Tibet Autonomous Region 850000, People's Republic of China
Contact : Yang Jin
Established : 1960
Membership : Local

Relevance : To protect the legal rights and interests of women and children in Tibet; work for the improvement of their life and strive for equality between men and women.

WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECT
Address : University of Dar Es Salaam, P.O.Box 35108, Dar Es Salaam, TANZANIA
Tel: 255-51 43500-9 Fax: 255-51 43395
Contact : Zubeida Tumbo-Masabo
Established : 1980
Operation : National
Relevance : To promote the study and research of women's concern in the context of the problems of development and promote documentation, writing, publication and education with focus on the problems of women.

WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUND, INC. OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (WREF OF NACW)
Address : Reeves Center, Room N-354, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009
Tel: (202) 628 5030 Fax: (202) 939 8763
Contact : Camille F. Murphy
Established : 1970, 1984
Membership : National network
Relevance : It is composed of regional, state, county and local commissions created by government to improve the status of women. To give a national and international voice to commissions for women; create an exchange of information and ideas, among governments, the private sectors, women's organizations and international groups as they work toward equality and justice for women .

WOMEN'S WORLD BANKING
Address : 8 West 40th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 768 8513 Fax: (212) 768 8519
Contact : Nancy Barry
Established : 1979
Membership : International Network
Relevance : To open women entrepreneurs' access to fiance.

WOMEN'S WORLD SUMMIT FOUNDATION (WWSF)
Address : c/o Hotel Beau-Rivage, 13, Quai du Mont-blanc, 1201, Geneva, Switzerland
Tel: 41 022 738 66 19 Fax: 41 022 738 98 47
Contact : Krishna Ahooja-Patel
Established : 1991
Membership : International

Relevance : A follow-up to the Children's Summit, working to inform, educate, train, empower and communicate especially with women and children. It works for the realization of the goals for the years 2000 defined by seven-one heads of State gathered at the World Summit for Children by seeking to mobilize women around the world.

WORLDWIDE NETWORK
Address : 1331 H Street, NW, Suite 903, Washington, DC 20005 USA
Tel: (202) 347 1514 Fax: (202) 347 1524
Contact : Elia Garcia McComie
Established : 1981
Membership : International network
Relevance : To establish a global network of individuals concerned with the protection and management of natural resources, and the promotion of sustainable development; educate the public and policy-makers about the linkages between women, environment and sustainable development activities, promote the inclusion of women in the design and implementation of development policies and projects and mobilize and support women, both individually and in organizations, in environmental and natural resources protection activities.